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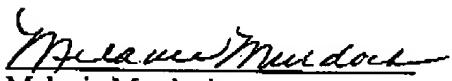
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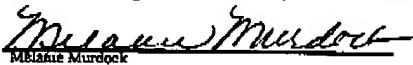
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") dated August 29, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to the claims and reconsideration of the rejection to the claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 on the grounds that the application is in condition for allowance.